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Avoid Hazardous Seas; NWS Advisories in Effect

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam issued advisories for the Marianas.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through 6 a.m. Monday. Hazardous surf reaching 9 to 12 feet is expected on north facing reefs.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Monday morning. Rip currents are powerful channels of water flowing quickly away from shore. Dangerous rip currents are expected along north and east facing reefs.

Inexperienced swimmers should not enter the water. Never swim alone. If caught in a rip current, yell for help. Remain calm and stay afloat while waiting for help. If swimming out of a rip current, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect until Friday morning for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Seas of 8 to 10 feet will produce hazardous conditions for small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid east and north facing reefs and beaches until hazardous conditions subside. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs. Rip currents are life threatening.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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